

The Principal's Corner Glover School



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“Don't be a bystander
If you see something,
Say something”
Manwar Khan

There are so many negative and heartbreaking stories in the news every week of people who feel they have the right to hurt others. We ask ourselves how does this happen? Why does someone feel they can do whatever they want to others because they want to? How do we prevent this? There are so many theories and ideas that sometimes we feel overwhelmed and helpless. At Glover we believe that we can and will make a difference if we teach and instill kindness within our students'. If all our students take it upon themselves to treat each other with respect and help those in need then the feeling of isolation will diminish. If people feel that they are valued for who they are then they will not feel the need to lash out at others to validate their existence. We teach our students to stand up for themselves and to stand up for others. If someone is treating them poorly they need to feel empowered to confront it in a peaceful and open manner and try to get the other to see them as equals. If they see someone being picked on they need to feel they have the right to intervene and stand up to the person. Especially, if the one being picked on is unable. We teach our students to tell the other to stop or if they don't report it to an adult. At the young age of our students they may not have all the tools to address these kinds of issues. When an incident is reported to the teachers, they will work with all the parties to help them navigate and resolve the problem. The most vital part of the lesson we want our students to embody is the belief that Kindness is the most important part of being a person. Being kind means being generous and considerate of others; to respect and accept differences. If every one of our students leaves Glover with kindness, respect and generosity in their hearts then they can move forward in building a truly better world.

Dear Glover School Families:

Kindness Club: The 3rd grade has launched a new project. They created paper bracelets that will be given to all students. The bracelets say, “Kindness begins with us.” The students are encouraged to make a check on one side when they do something kind for another and on the other side draw a heart when someone does something kind to them. Teachers can sign up their classroom to have a reader come in and read a Kindness Book to their class. The book gives clear examples of how everyone can practice kindness.

Breakfast Program: Starting on November 13th the Glover School will be hosting a supervised morning breakfast from 7:30 to 8:05. Hot food and cold food selections will be available for \$1.75. *Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.*

We are asking that parents use the same morning traffic drop off procedures and use the drop off lane for students participating in the breakfast program. Please do not drop students off in front of the school or on Maple Street to ensure the safety of our students.

2nd Grade Math Night: Once again we had a full house. The evening was a great gathering of students, parents, and staff. It was a wonderful team effort. We had Dr. Smith, the Assistant Superintendent, as well as classroom teachers, special education teachers, tutors, and many other volunteers helping run the math game tables. A hearty thank you to Ms. Perez and the 2nd grade teachers for organizing this annual event.

Parent Volunteer Signup: We are starting up a parent volunteer stand by list. On occasion if we have a staff members absent and we have need for parents to help supervise recesses and lunches. It would be a tremendous help for the school if you could sign up and be placed on the call out sheet if such a need occurs. You could sign up for a specific grade or for as much time as you feel able to give. If a staff member is absent, the office will give you a call and if you are available, you would then come in and cover the time(s) you are available for.

The lunch and recess schedules are:

Kindergarten: 11:55-12:15 lunch and lunch recess is 12:15-12:35
1st grade: 12:00-12:20 recess and 12:20-12:40 lunch
2nd grade: 12:45-1:05 lunch and 1:05-1:25 recess
3rd grade: 12:50-1:10 recess and 1:10-1:30 lunch

The responsibilities are simple. At recess you would watch over the students to ensure they are playing safely and to line them up when recess ends to either to go lunch or to return to their classrooms. At lunch you ensure they are seated and are following the lunch rules and are keeping their areas clean and neat. You do not have to clean the tables; the students are responsible for that. I would be happy to provide more information if you are interested.

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Presentation: The kindergarten will be performing a Thanksgiving Show on November 21st at 8:30 in the Cafetorium. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Veterans Day Concert: The 1st grade will be honoring Veterans Day at our November 9th all school Community Meeting. 1st grade parents are invited to attend. The concert will be begin at 8:30. Parents are invited to watch the rest of our Community Meeting or you can leave immediately after the Concert.

Professional Development: November 15 will be a half day professional development. Students will be released at 12:00.

The PTOs from the three schools are also sponsoring Dr. Willard to host a one hour presentation for parents beginning promptly at 6:30 in the Glover Cafeteria.

Treats for Troops: The collection of Halloween candy continues to grow in our main office. We will continue collecting candy until Monday November 13th.

Magic Hat: Thank you to all who volunteered at the Magic Hat. Without your continuing support we would not have as many of the wonderful enrichment programs that the PTO sponsors.

Virtual Backpack: *There are a lot of exciting activities and events taking place in the community. For example Cub Scouts and Girl Scout signups. Don't miss out on any of these wonderful events. You will find a complete listing on the district website;*

<http://www.marbleheadschoools.org/index.php/quicklinks/virtualbackpack>

Important Dates:

- Picture make up Day Monday November 13.
- Professional Development November 15th early release at 12:00
 - PTO sponsoring a Parent presentation with Dr. Chris Willard at 6:30 in the Glover Cafeteria
- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Show: November 21st at 8:30
- PTO Glover School Dance: November 17th from 6:30-8:00 in the gym
- Thanksgiving Break: No school November 23rd -24th.
- MCAS dates: The English Language Arts test dates are Sessions 1-3 April 24-26th and the math dates are Math sessions 1&2 May 10-11th

On behalf of our very caring, dedicated, and most excellent staff have a great week.

Regards,

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